

Office of the Attorney General Washington, D. C.

February 3, 1965

Mr. Jesse Curry Chief of Police Dallas Police Department Dallas, Texas

Dear Chief Curry:

The Department of justice has recently been requested by the Office of the President to consider the advisability of modifying certain restrictions on the availability on members of the public of materials delivered by the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy to the National Archives.

Under the normal procedures of the National Archives, many of the materials delivered to it by the Commission would, in the absence of instructions to the contrary, he made available to persons requesting to examine them. However, certain exceptions would ordinarily apply to the limited classes of the Commission smaterials. Because of 'the nature of the Warren Commaterials. Because of 'the nature of the Warren Composition of the Commission of the Commission

The principal exception to the public availability rule applies to previously unpublished materials in the nature of investigatory reports. This exception may have application to some of the materials which the Dallas Police Department submitted to the President's Commission. In formulating any special procedures which may be appropriate,

we wish to consider your views as to whether the disclosure of any such papers would be detrimental to the effective operations of the Dallas Police Department.

I appreciate your assistance in considering this matter.

Sincerely,

Author Les Martine Acting Attorney General

The Honorable Nicholas Katzenbach Acting Attorney Seneral Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

Sir: Your letter of February 8, 1965

it is our appnion that any evidence submitted by this department to the Warren Commission may be made available to the public.

I do not believe that the operations of the Dallas Polica Department would be jeoperdized by any person examining our reports.

Very truly yours.

J. E. Curry Chief of Police

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